

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 483

House Transportation Committee

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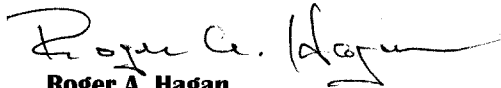
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Chairman Sonju and members of the committee, for the record my name is Roger A. Hagan. I represent the Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA). I stand before you today to oppose House Bill 483. While our organization's membership consists of those Off Highway Vehicle enthusiasts, many of our members also enjoy the opportunities provided by "on-road" recreating.

This bill appears to be a solution in search of a problem. I am not privy to any safety statistics that would substantiate the dangers of the status quo. As you will no doubt be advised throughout this hearing, the impact of locating DOT approved tires and rims for ATV's would be a costly and unnecessary expense. With passage of this bill, our members will have no choice but to abandon their on-highway sport activities or expend a great amount of money bringing their equipment into compliance by purchasing the necessary tires and wheels.

Our Association urges you 'do not pass' House Bill 483. Again, I wish to thank the House Transportation Committee for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Thank you for your time and support.



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